

November 27, 1968

A
Dr. James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the United States
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

In the past I have protested that certain of the files of the Warren Commission have been withheld improperly, in violation of law and regulation. In every case, the National Archives has rejected or ignored these claims. To the best of my recollection, my protest that, with his death, the slight excuse that might have existed for the suppression (for this, in actual fact, is what much of the withholding amounts to) of those files relating to the late David William Ferrie no longer existed has been ignored.

I herewith renew my request with respect to one of these Ferrie documents, CD75:301. Before agreeing with your subordinates, I encourage you to read this document yourself. It cannot properly be withheld under any of the guidelines. Thereafter, I hope you will see fit to read the entire Ferrie file. Such documents can not longer be suppressed merely on whim or in the belief that proper access to them will embarrass the government - or on raw power alone.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

FBI REPORT, CD 75 page 301.

(This page is one of the 40 classified pages on Ferrie previously listed. It comes from a file on Ferrie which they have in the Archives, and which the Archivist is letting me see bits of. He has to check through each page to see if it is classified. Presumably he slipped up by letting me see this page.)

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HERMAN KOHLMAN, Assistant District Attorney, Parish of Orleans, advised that he is familiar with David FERRIE from his past experience as a news reporter. KOHLMAN said he prepared a feature story on FERRIE'S activities several years ago. He advised that he heard that FERRIE was mentioned in connection with being associated with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and he talked to JACK MARTIN, a private investigator who "refreshed his memory" about Ferrie. Based upon these facts, the District Attorney's office instituted an investigation involving FERRIE. He advised that FERRIE was interviewed by members of the District Attorney's staff and denied knowing LEE Harvey OSWALD or having any information about OSWALD's being in the Civilian Air Patrol.

KOHLMAN stated that the District Attorney's office had received information from the Intelligence unit of the New Orleans Unit Police Department who had previously conducted inquiries regarding FERRIE's connection, or Cuban activities. An unknown police officer had told the Intelligence Division of the New Orleans Police Department that he was in the Civil Air Patrol with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and that FERRIE knew OSWALD.

KOHLMAN advised that because FERRIE must have known OSWALD and because it appeared he had lied when he denied knowing OSWALD, FERRIE was arrested.

OS: 11/25/63 At: New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 69-69
By: SA Regis L. Kennedy Date dictated: 11/25/63

C. Sullivan

How can this be classified